I'm making Dragon Tea. It's not really meant for human, or shark, consumption.
IT'S MOSTLY OAT MASH, MILK, AND BONEMEAL, MIXED WITH HERBS AND SPICES.
Sniff Sniff
It helps dragons recover the energy and magic they expend by shifting and keeps their dragon form healthy.
SNORT
I thought the dragons could use a pick-me-up after the battle.
I could save you a bowl if you like.
Well...
COME ON, IT'S OKAY. I'VE GOT YOUR BACK.
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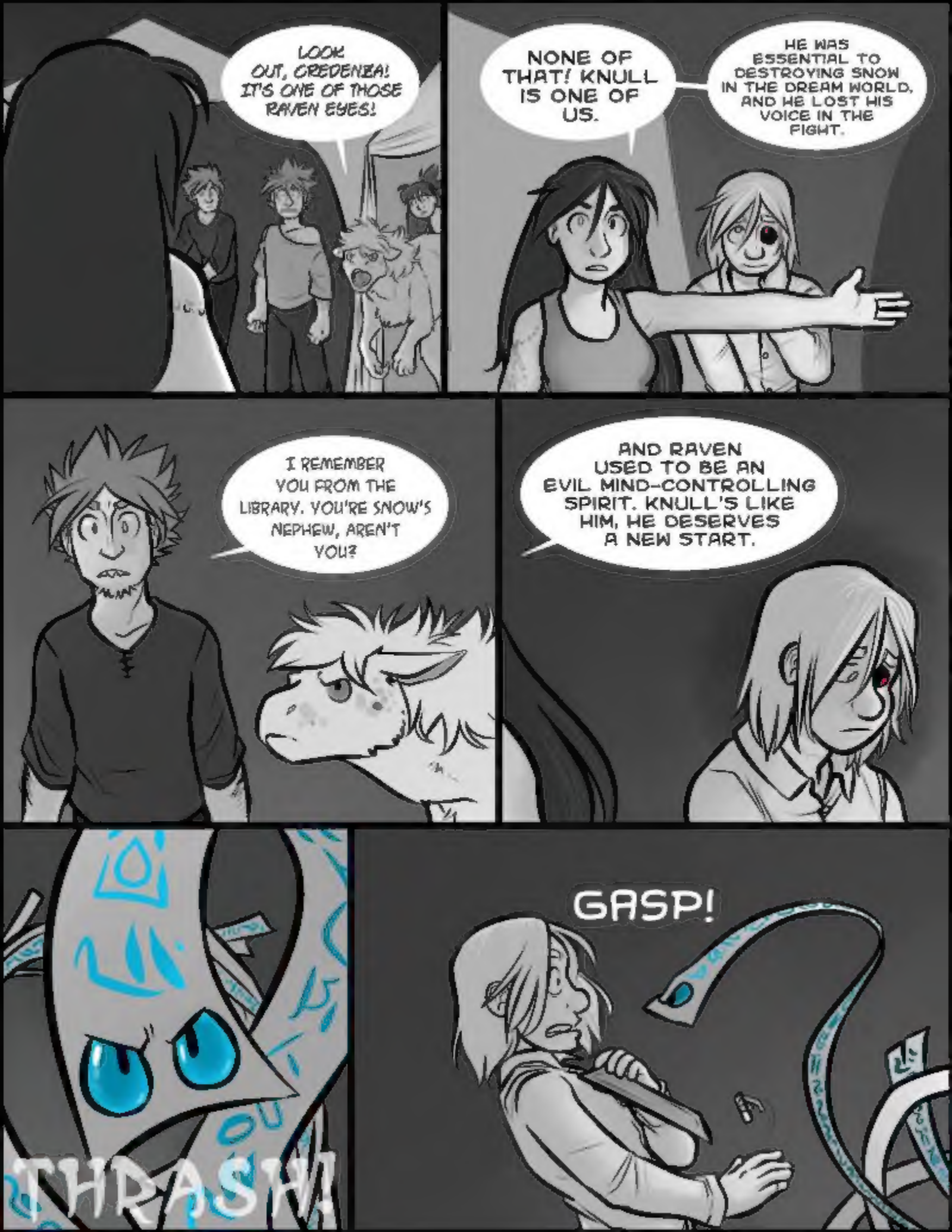
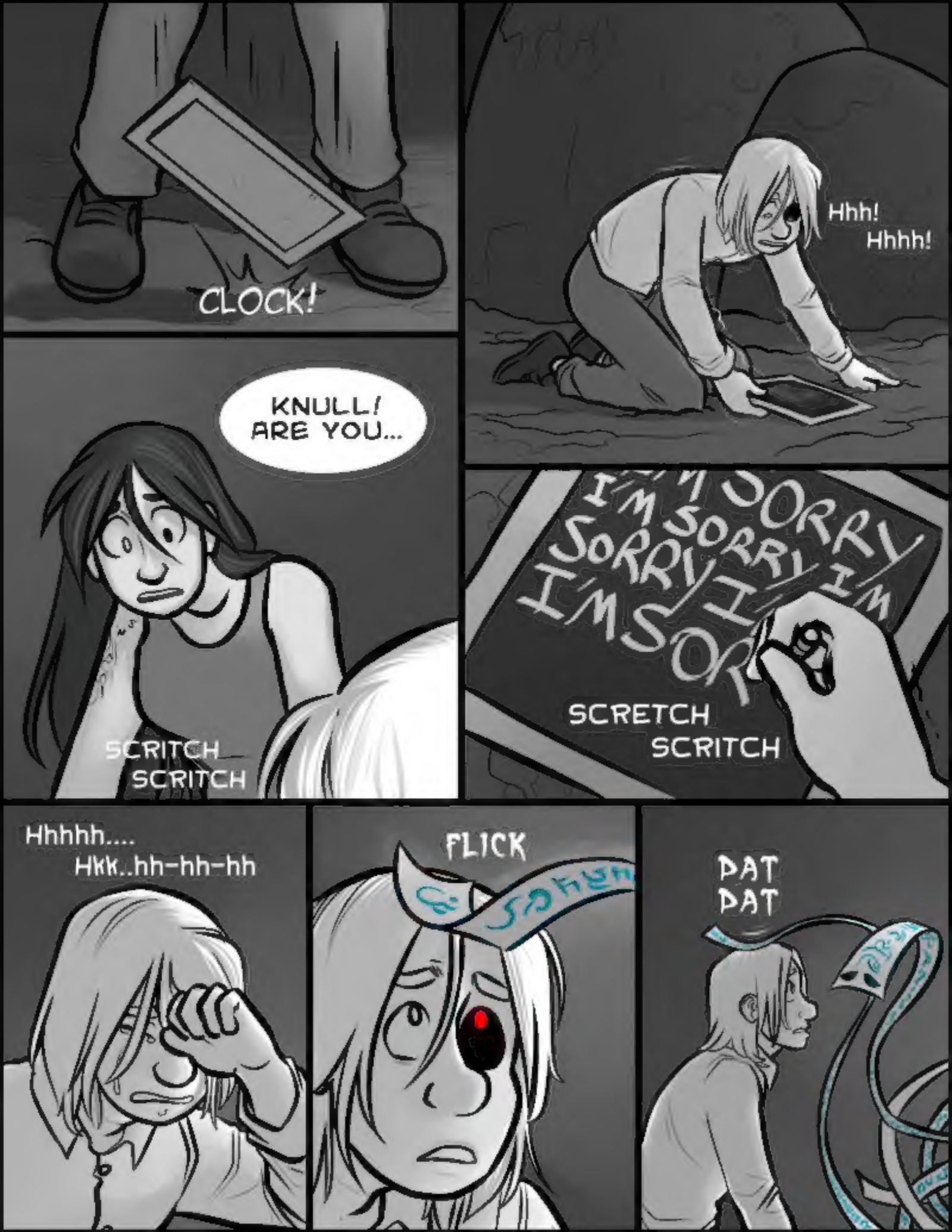
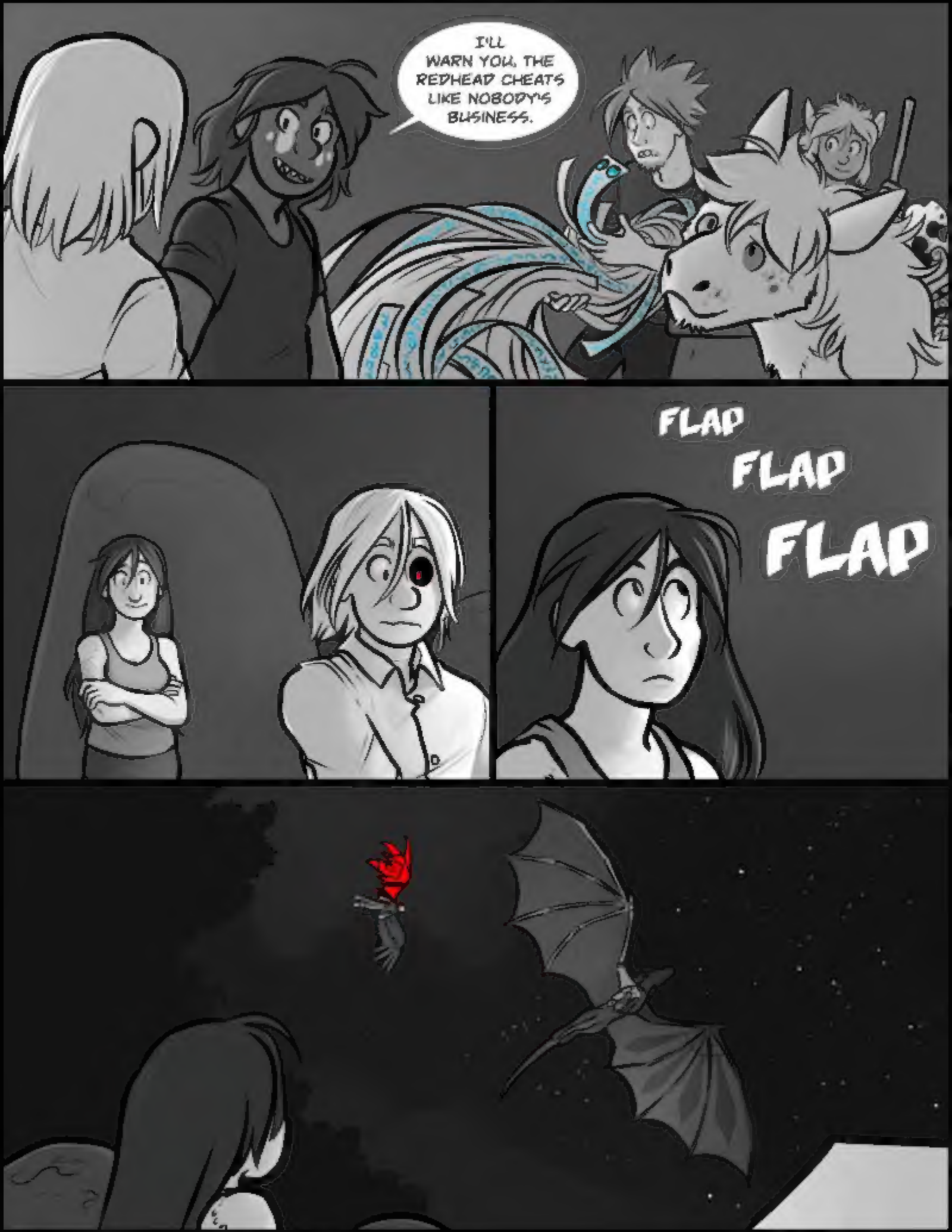
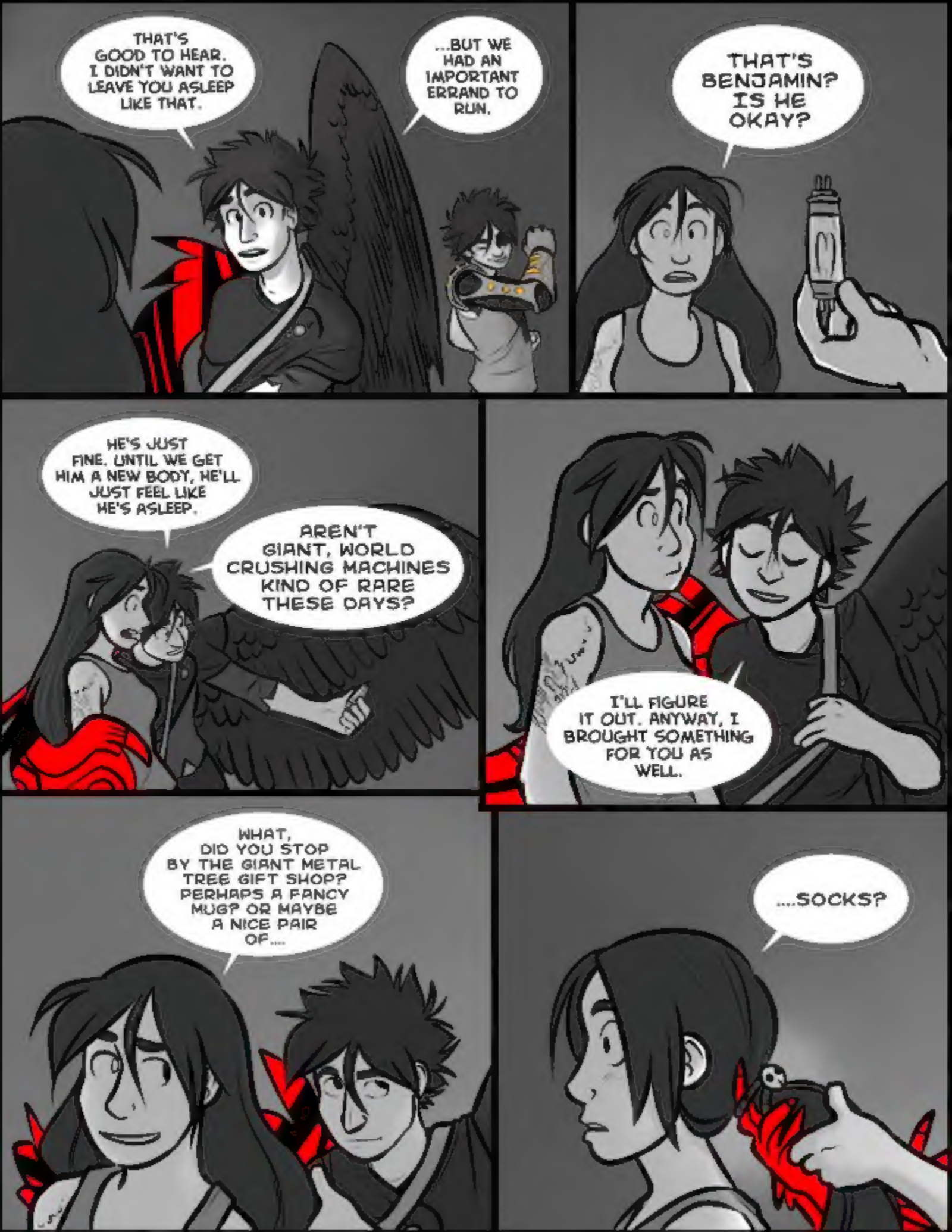

LOOK OUT, CREDENZA! IT'S ONE OF THOSE RAVEN EYES!
NONE OF THAT! KNULL IS ONE OF US.
HE WAS ESSENTIAL TO DESTROYING SNOW IN THE DREAM WORLD, AND HE LOST HIS VOICE IN THE FIGHT.
I REMEMBER YOU FROM THE LIBRARY. YOU'RE SNOW'S NEPHEW, AREN'T YOU?
AND RAVEN USED TO BE AN EVIL MIND-CONTROLLING SPIRIT. KNULL'S LIKE HIM, HE DESERVES A NEW START.
THRASH!
GASP!


CLOCK!
Hhh!
Hhhh!
KNULL! ARE YOU...
SCRITCH SCRITCH
I'M SORRY
SCRETCH SCRITCH
Hhhhh....
Hkk..hh-hh-hh
FLICK
PAT PAT

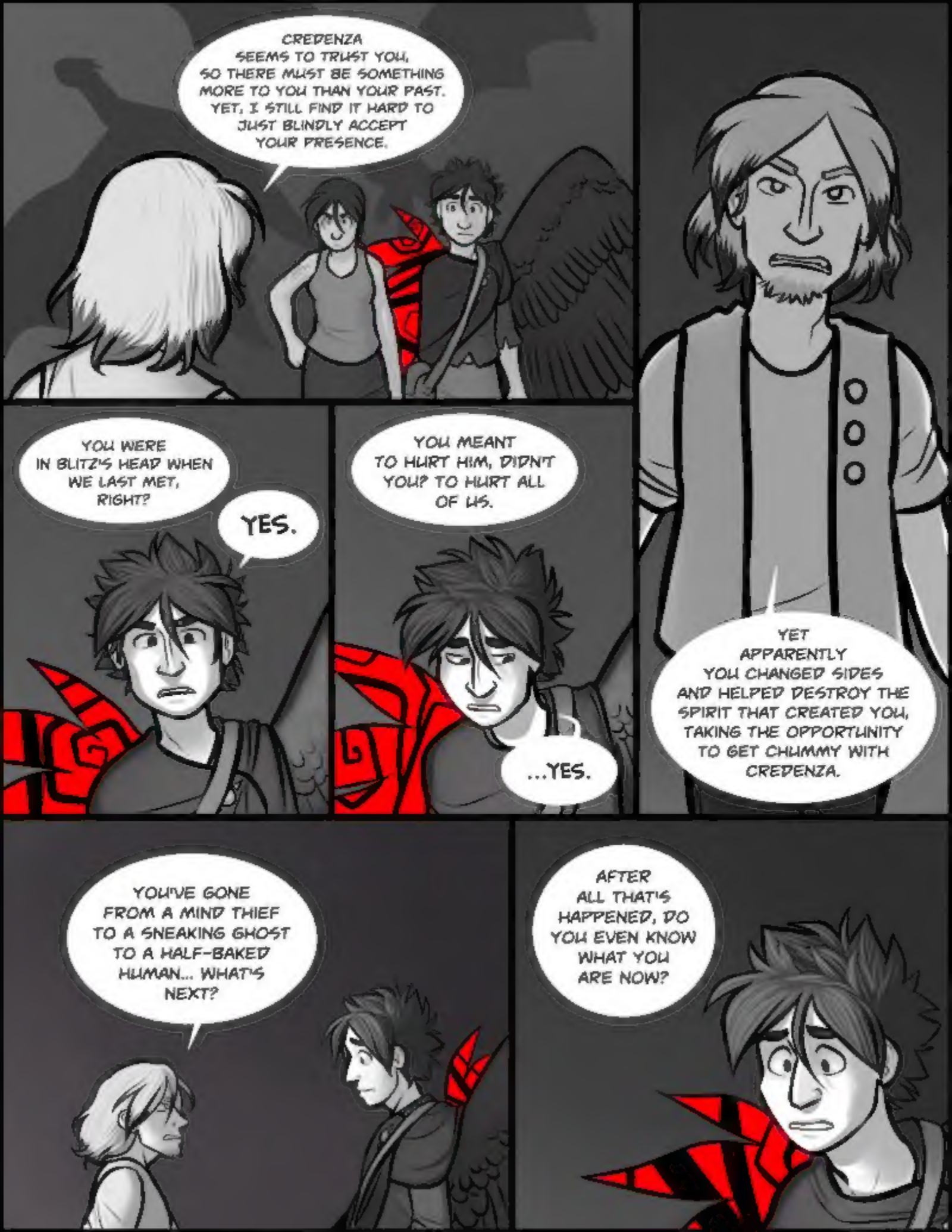
SHE'S SERIOUS ABOUT THAT 'NEW START' THING.
...BUT RIGHT NOW WE'RE JUST PLAYING CARD GAMES. CARE TO JOIN US?
MOST OF US ARE SNOW SURVIVORS IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER...
...WRESTLING WITH PAINFUL QUESTIONS ABOUT DESTINY AND TRAUMA...


I'LL WARN YOU, THE REDHEAD CHEATS LIKE NOBODY'S BUSINESS.
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
SKKRRAKARAK!
CREDENZA! IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
SHHHHHHH
YEAH... IT REALLY IS.


THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR. I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU ASLEEP LIKE THAT.
...BUT WE HAD AN IMPORTANT ERRAND TO RUN.
THAT'S BENJAMIN? IS HE OKAY?
HE'S JUST FINE. UNTIL WE GET HIM A NEW BODY, HE'LL JUST FEEL LIKE HE'S ASLEEP.
AREN'T GIANT, WORLD CRUSHING MACHINES KIND OF RARE THESE DAYS?
I'LL FIGURE IT OUT. ANYWAY, I BROUGHT SOMETHING FOR YOU AS WELL.
WHAT, DID YOU STOP BY THE GIANT METAL TREE GIFT SHOP? PERHAPS A FANCY MUG? OR MAYBE A NICE PAIR OF....
....SOCKS?

MY HAIRBAND... YOU FOUND IT!
I THOUGHT I'D LOST IT FOR GOOD IN THE SHIP WHILE I WAS DREAMING!
WELL, WITH A LITTLE HUNTING, SOME SERIOUS DIGGING, AND A DETERMINED DRAGON TO HELP OUT, IT WAS NO TROUBLE.
YOU'RE MAGNIFICENT, BIRD BOY!
THIS USED TO BE ALL I HAD LEFT OF URU.
NOT ONLY DID YOU BRING IT BACK TO ME, YOU HELPED ME TO SAVE THE MAN HIMSELF.
THEN YOU MUST BE THE MAN I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT.
THE EVIL SPIRIT TURNED HUMAN THAT'S BEEN HANGING OUT WITH MY SISTER.


CREDENZA SEEMS TO TRUST YOU, SO THERE MUST BE SOMETHING MORE TO YOU THAN YOUR PAST. YET, I STILL FIND IT HARD TO JUST BLINDLY ACCEPT YOUR PRESENCE.
YET APPARENTLY YOU CHANGED SIDES AND HELPED DESTROY THE SPIRIT THAT CREATED YOU, TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET CHUMMY WITH CREDENZA.
YOU WERE IN BLITZ'S HEAD WHEN WE LAST MET, RIGHT?
YES.
YOU MEANT TO HURT HIM, DIDN'T YOU? TO HURT ALL OF US.
...YES.
YOU'VE GONE FROM A MIND THIEF TO A SNEAKING GHOST TO A HALF-BAKED HUMAN... WHAT'S NEXT?
AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED, DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU ARE NOW?

DON'T BE MEAN TO BABY BIRD MAN!
BLITZ, IT'S OKAY-
NO, IT'S NOT! RAVEN DID START OFF BAD BUT HE'S WORKING ON IT! HE'S BETTER NOW!
HE MADE ME BLITZ, AND BEING BLITZ IS HARD SOMETIMES, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE ANYONE ELSE!
SO IF YOU SAY HE CAN'T COME BACK TO THE INN, THEN I'M NOT GOING BACK EITHER.
BLITZ...
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HE WAS, OR WHAT HE IS.
HE STAYS WITH US. WE STAY WITH HIM.
GOOD GRIEF, I'M NOT SAYING WE NEED TO DITCH HIM!
I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK TO HEAR WHAT THE MAN HAS TO SAY FOR HIMSELF.